

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Ronald L. Mallett

PERSON

Mallett, Ronald L.

Alternative Names: Ronald L. Mallett;

Life Dates: March 30, 1945-

Place of Birth: Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania, USA

Residence: Coventry, CT

Work: Storrs Mansfield, CT

Occupations: Physicist

Biographical Note

Physicist Ronald Mallett was born on March 3, 1945 in Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania to Dorothy Kimbrough and Boyd Mallett. Mallett joined the United States Air Force in 1963 and later was admitted into Pennsylvania State University, where he received his B.S. degree in 1969, his M.S. degree in 1970, and his Ph.D. degree in 1973 in physics.

After receiving his Ph.D. degree from Pennsylvania State University, Mallett was hired in 1973 as a research scientist for United Technologies Research Laboratory in Farmington, Connecticut. Two years later, in 1975, he was hired as an assistant professor of physics at the University of Connecticut, in Mansfield, Connecticut, and subsequently promoted to associate professor in 1980. From 1981 to 1982, Mallett served as the Ira Reid Visiting Professor at Haverford College, in Haverford, Pennsylvania. In 1982, he served as a visiting scholar at the Center for Theoretical Physics at the University of Texas at Austin. Mallett was then promoted to professor of physics at the University of Connecticut in 1987, where he remained until his retirement in 2018.

Known for his work on the theory of time travel, in 2002, Mallett presented at the Third International Association for Relativistic Dynamics Conference. In 2003, he was featured in the documentary *The World's First Time Machine*, directed by Ben Bowie, and in 2006, Mallett published his memoir, *Time Traveler: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality*.

Mallett is an honorary member of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of National Society of Black Physicists. In 2006, he was elected vice president

of the International Association for Relativistic Dynamics.

Mallett received the Altoona Outstanding Alumni Award from Pennsylvania State University in 2006; and, in 2007, he was named an Alumni Fellow. In 2012, Mallett was also named a distinguished alumnus by Altoona Area High School, in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Mallet and his wife, Terry Mamunes, live in Storrs, Connecticut.

Ronald Mallett was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on April 7, 2022.

Related Entries

Altoona Area High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Pennsylvania State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.S.

Pennsylvania State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.S.

Pennsylvania State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Ph.D.

United Technologies Research Laboratory [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1973 to 1975]

Research Scientist

United States Air Force [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1963 to 1965]

Electronic Technician

University of Connecticut [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1975 to 1980]

Assistant Professor of Physics

University of Connecticut [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1980 to 1987]

Associate Professor of Physics

Haverford College [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1981 to 1982]

Ira Reid Visting Professor

University of Texas-Austin [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1982 to 1983]

Visiting Scholar

University of Connecticut [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1987 to 2018]

Professor of Physics

[MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

International Association for Relativistic Dynamics [MEMBEROf]
[from 2006 to ?]

Vice President

Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences [MEMBEROf]
[from 2006 to ?]

Honorary Member

World Patent Marketing [MEMBEROf]
[from 2015 to 2017]

Advising Member

, ,